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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JACKY ROSEN, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our shelter from the storms, protect the Ukrainian people as they trust You for safety.

Lord, all the good we will ever have comes from You. You have been faithful to Your people for millennia. Do not disappoint us now in this season of desperation. We see no other God but You, as this conflict continues to maim, kill, and destroy.

Lord, provide our lawmakers with the wisdom to cooperate with Your divine omnipotence in accomplishing Your purposes on Earth. May generations not yet born be told that You saved your people.

We pray in Your powerful Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, March 17, 2022.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable JACKY ROSEN, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,  
President pro tempore.

Ms. ROSEN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader is recognized.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, first, I see that you and many on the podium are decked in green. Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of you and to all of America.

### NOMINATIONS

Madam President, now, yesterday, the Senate moved forward on a dozen judicial and administrative nominees,

many of them with solid bipartisan support.

Today, we will hold three more floor votes: two to confirm a pair of district judges and one to move on the nomination of Judge Ali Nathan for the Second Circuit.

When I met Judge Nathan 10 years ago, I thought, "Here is someone truly special and truly brilliant," and, a decade later, I still hold that view.

Ask her colleagues on the bench or ask her colleagues from private practice or even the likes of President Obama, and they will all say the same thing: Judge Nathan is a first-rate jurist and a consensus builder by nature.

I am pleased the Senate is acting on this well-deserving judge today, setting up a final confirmation vote next week.

#### NOMINATION OF JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON

Madam President, speaking of nominations today, today is the last day the Senate will meet before we begin a truly historic series of hearings next Monday, starting at 11 a.m. The Senate Judiciary Committee will begin hearings for Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court.

These televised judiciary hearings will give millions of Americans a chance to hear from the judge directly for the first time since her nomination. These hearings matter. Americans deserve to hear for themselves from Judge Jackson, whose decisions will echo across American law for a long, long time.

Of course, the historic nature of this nominee must not be minimized. Of the 115 Justices who have sat on the Court, only 5—only 5—have been women; only 2—2—have been African Americans, Justices Thurgood Marshall and Clarence Thomas; only 1 has been Hispanic, Justice Sonia Sotomayor from the Bronx.

But, to date, never has an African-American woman come before the Judiciary Committee for consideration to the highest Court. Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson will be the very first.

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